

SENATE BILL 967

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 18, relative to verdicts in criminal cases.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 18, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

40-18-119. Notwithstanding any other law or rule of court to the contrary, if the jury returns a verdict of guilty in a criminal case, the trial court shall not have the authority to set aside the guilty verdict or grant a new trial if it disagrees with the jury about the weight of the evidence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.